

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-213

Magi No. 2402135704

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Cathell House

2. Location

street & number 412 South Main Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Berlin ☐ vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Franklin Cathell

street & number 412 South Main telephone no.: 641-2386

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Like many of its neighboring houses, the Cathell house sits on a narrow plot of land, close to the street. The house was built by the owner's father in 1918, as was the large frame garage behind the house. This property lies on the west side of South Main Street near the end of the residential section.

A 2½ story frame dwelling, the Cathell house is gable fronted with cross gables on the north and south sides. A single chimney rises from the roof ridge in the back of the house. Sided with asbestos shingles, the house is 3 bays by 3 bays, with 1/1 windows throughout. A verandah extends across the front and wraps around part of the adjoining sides. Brick piers support the verandah. The piers and the raised foundation contain the same decorative brickwork seen in 414 and 416 S. Main.

On the front or east facade the pedimented gable contains triple arched, 1/1 windows. The entrance in the middle bay is off-center with the third bay consisting of a shallow, 3-sided bay with 3 windows. The north side cross gable over a two-story extension creates a fourth bay containing a door at the end of the north side verandah. This cross gable projection has double windows on each story, those windows in the pedimented gable being arched.

The rear facade contains a hip-roofed cellar entrance like 414 S. Main, along with windows in the raised foundation. Triple windows are repeated in the gable which is not pedimented.

On the south facade a pair of arched windows are placed in the pedimented cross gable. The verandah extends the length of this facade, terminated by a pantry as is the case in 414 S. Main. The only remaining section of porch railing remains on this facade.

The gable-roof frame outbuilding to the rear contains low garage opening with exposed interior rafters and a loft above. Covered with roofing material the small barn-like structure has had many alterations.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

1918

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Built soon after its neighboring house, 414 South Main, the Cathell house contains several of the same features: pantry, verandah, cellar entrance, shallow bay window. It presents quite a different appearance, however, with its cross gables, 1/1 windows and pedimented gable treatment. This is another example of the taste, design and workmanship available in Berlin in the early 20th century.

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